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Applicants submit copies of Statements of Corroboration dated April 3, 2007, relating to the deposit of microbial strains, *Lactobacillus sakei* 570 and *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* 808 at DSMZ on September 8, 2003 and July 23, 2003 respectively. Copies of the receipt of the deposit and priority documents are also attached.

The Statement attached at Exhibit A refers to PCT/GB2003/003436. The present application claims priority to PCT/GB2003/003436. The statement attached at Exhibit B refers to GB Patent Application No. 0218241 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/413,727. The present application also claims priority to GB Patent Application No. 0218241 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/413,727. While the headers of both executed Statements properly reference the applicant, filing date and title, each mistakenly refers to Application Serial No. 10/893,524, it should be clear from the contents of both statements that the statements are intended for Application Serial No. 10/521,097.

Should any further fees be required by the present Reply, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account 19-4293.

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